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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 18, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
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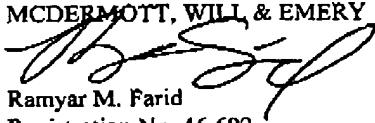
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Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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